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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER INFORMS PUBLIC OF EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR
BANGKOK AREA

REF: BANGKOK 10925 (NOTAL)

1. PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK BROADCAST ON ROYAL THAI
GOVERNMENT RADIO ABOUT 0100 MORNING OF JULY 5 STATEMENT
INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF EMERGENCY MEASURES CONTEMPLATED TO
RESTORE ORDER FOLLOWING DETERIORATION OF SITUATION IN CENTRAL
BANGKOK AROUND PHLAPHLACHAI POLICE STATION.

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2. NO OFFICIAL TEXT AVAILABLE AT THIS HOUR, BUT FOLLOWING VERSION RE-

CONSTRUCTED FROM DETAILED NOTES TAKEN BY THAI LOCAL VOA EMPLOYEE:

"PRESENTLY A GROUP OF PEOPLE, MAINLY HOODLUMS, ARE CREATING A DISTURBANCE IN THE BANGKOK AREA, ATTACKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SABOTAGING GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, AND CONTINUE TO ENDANGER THE PUBLIC. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO USE MODERATE MEASURES, WITHOUT RESULT. THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT IS COMPELLED TO USE DRASTIC ACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION. THE GOVERNMENT WILL USE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES TO SUPPRESS THE RIOTERS IN ORDER TO BRING THE SITUATION BACK TO NORMAL. THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO THIS IMMEDIATELY AND DECISIVELY. THE GOVERNMENT WILL DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT BANGKOK. THE GOVERNMENT URGES THE PUBLIC TO STAY INDOORS UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO GO OUT, TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS. THE PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY URGES THE PUBLIC AND STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THESE MEASURES ARE LEGAL FOR CRIMINAL SUPPRESSION AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE, NOT, REPEAT NOT, A COUP D'ETAT OR A REVOLUTION, AND HOPES THAT PUBLIC WILL GIVE FULL COOPERATION. 4TH OF JULY, SANYA THAMMASAK"

3. WE HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT RTG IS DRAFTING DECREE DECLARING MARTIAL LAW FOR SUBMISSION TO THE KING FOR SIGNATURE PRIOR TO PROMULGATION. JULY 5 IS THAI NATIONAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATING BUDDHIST LENT; ALL RTG OFFICES, SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES ARE CLOSED FOR THAT REASON.
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